

## ABSTRACT

5 A revocation notification system for a public key certificate and associated method are provided. At the time of issuance, a CA requests and receives from an independent revocation service provider entity a THV corresponding to an IRV under the sole control of said revocation service provider. It then embeds such THV into the public key certificate and digitally signs the public key certificate with a private key. An entity requests revocation from the revocation service provider. The revocation service provider ceases publication of valid PFI updates for the public key certificate.

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